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FROM THE EDITOR

As I start to write this page, I'm still not sure whether I'm glad or sad that this is my last issue as editor of the BMC. For several months now I've been looking forward to the day when I would be free of this responsibility and could devote my sporadic and lethargic talents to something more enjoyable and/or lucrative. With that day almost in sight, I'm now realizing how much I will miss putting this thing together.

I was surprised at some of the reactions I drew after I had submitted my resignation to the Board. I got the feeling that some people felt that editorship was a form of monkish vow which, once taken, should never be set aside. The most common response was some variation on "You're doing fine, why quit now?". It got to the point where I really envied Dick Fredericksen (CHLA/ABSC's first and finest editor) for his alibi for resigning: he left the country. Since I'm remaining in Canada, perhaps I should offer a few reasons why I'm removing the mantle of editor and running off into the Manitoba sunset, chortling loudly.

Firstly, putting the BMC together is a helluvalot of work and I'm tired of carrying it. While I believe strongly in the CHLA/ABSC and want to lend my efforts in support of its aims, I think I've done close to my share. After some 2 years and 9 issues, I'd like to drop the burden and spend my time on other things, such as doing whatever my wife tells me to do.

Second, I've been a little bothered by the number of well-meaning people who say how much they enjoy my pieces or who claim to always read the last page first. As a writer, I have the vanity to like such comments; as the editor, I find it depressing. It is very unhealthy for one personality to dominate a publication, even under the excuse of needing to fill up the pages in a hurry. The BMC must remain a reflection of and a forum for the entire membership, even if at times the membership appears reluctant to write.

Third, I think I've accomplished all I had originally hoped to do with the BMC. I wanted a recognizable structure, a format and precedence to the flow of these pages, and a distinct tone in the articles. Having now established all these, at least to my own satisfaction, it's time to turn the job over to new people with new ideas. In the last decade, I've served as editor for several publications and, in every single instance, the publication improved considerably after I left it. That's an enviable record and I'm hoping Pierrette and Arlene will keep it intact for me by adding their improvements to the BMC.

Lastly, serving as editor is a unique experience, giving a view of the organization that now many see. It's an experience that should be permitted to as many people as possible. That, if for no other reason, is sufficient cause to change the editorship at regular intervals.

Despite his reluctance to have me do so, I must mention here the tremendous support I have received from the Publication Chairman, David S. Crawford. David has not only lent vast moral support (on his phone bill, not mine) but has also handled all the headaches involved in the publication and distribution of the BMC. Far more credit should be awarded David, especially since he will be continuing to act as Chairman for the new editors.

Finally, I wish to express my thanks for having had the privilege of serving this Association as editor. My tenure has been both delightful and trying, enriching and infuriating, but mostly a lot of fun. I have grown from this experience and am grateful for the opportunity.

MOT DE LA RÉDACTION

Depuis plusieurs mois déjà, je rêvais du jour où je serais libéré de mes responsabilités à l'égard du BMC et pourrait enfin réveiller ma muse endormie et capricieuse pour réaliser des projets plus agréables et/ou plus lucratifs. Maintenant que le jour est venu, je réalise à quel point l'exercice va me manquer.

J'ai été surpris des réactions de certains lorsque j'ai remis ma démission au Bureau. J'ai cru comprendre qu'accepter d'être éditeur c'était prononcer une sorte de vœux qui ne pouvaient être révolus. D'un commun accord, on m'a dit à peu près ceci: "mais vous faites un excellent travail, pourquoi l'abandonner déjà?" J'en vins à regretter de n'avoir pas un alibi à toute épreuve comme celui de Dick Fredericksen (le premier et le meilleur des éditeurs du bulletin) qui devait quitter le pays. Comme je restais au Canada il me fallait donner les raisons que j'ai de secouer le joug pour m'évader ainsi sous le soleil du Manitoba!

D'abord, disons que la préparation du BMC demande beaucoup de temps et d'efforts et que j'en suis fatigué. Il est vrai que j'adhère profondément aux buts que poursuit CHLA/ABSC et que je veux bien aider à les réaliser, mais je crois avoir fait ma part. Après deux ans et neuf numéros, j'aimerais abandonner la partie et employer mon temps à d'autres tâches comme, faire ce que ma femme me demande.

Deuxièmement, je reste préoccupé par le nombre croissant de collègues qui me disent combien ils éprouvent de plaisir à me lire ou bien qui avouent lire d'abord la dernière page. En tant qu'écrivain, ces remarques me flattent; en tant qu'éditeur, je les trouve déprimantes. Il est malsain qu'une personnalité domine une publication, fut-ce sous le couvert de "completer" la mise en page au plus tôt. BMC doit refléter les intérêts de ses membres et leur offrir un forum pour l'expression de leur pensée même si les membres semblent parfois peu enclins à l'écriture et à la communication.

Troisièmement, je pense avoir atteint mon but en ce qui concerne mes projets pour le bulletin. Je voulais lui donner une structure familière et un format uniforme pour la présentation en même temps qu'un certain ton quant au style adopté pour les articles de fond. Je pense qu'il est temps de passer le flambeau à de nouveaux éditeurs qui auront la tête remplie d'idées neuves. Depuis dix ans, j'ai eu l'occasion d'éditeur plusieurs publications et à chaque fois, la publication s'améliorait énormément lorsque je quittais le pupitre! C'est tout un dossier et j'ose croire que Pierrette et Arlene vont poursuivre la tradition en y allant de leur imagination pour faire progresser BMC.

Enfin, être éditeur est une expérience unique qui offre un coup d'oeil sur l'organisation que bien peu de ses membres peuvent avoir. C'est une expérience qui devrait être offerte au plus grand nombre possible. Voilà qui prouve combien il serait valable de changer d'éditeur à intervalles réguliers.

Malgré les protestations de David S. Crawford, il me faut dire ici l'énorme support qu'il m'a apporté tout au long de mon mandat. Il ne m'a pas seulement encouragé verbalement au téléphone (et à ses frais), mais il a assumé tous les maux de tête qu'impliquaient la publication et la distribution de BMC. C'est à lui que doit aller toute notre reconnaissance car il continuera d'apporter son appui à la nouvelle équipe de BMC.

En dernier lieu, je veux ici remercier l'Association qui m'a accordé le privilège d'être son éditeur. Mon mandat a été à la fois plaisant et exténuant, enrichissant en même temps qu'exaspérant, mais d'abord et avant tout très agréable. Cette expérience m'a beaucoup appris et je suis reconnaissant qu'on m'aie donné l'occasion de la faire.

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- MARTHA B. STONE

As I reflect on the accomplishments of CHLA/ABSC for the year 1979-80, I realize that we have had a most successful year! As a young Association, our history to date has reflected the enthusiasm, dynamism and excitement of those who were concerned with the role and status of health sciences librarianship in Canada. From my own perspective, having thought about the development of the Association for such a long time and having just recently participated in the Fourth Annual Conference, I realize that this year has been one of developing the infrastructure and formal interaction between the many levels of the Association.

For those who did not attend the Vancouver meeting, a rather interesting process was observed. I can only hope that by reading the committee and regional reports you will achieve the same awareness and understanding as those who participated in the Annual Meeting. The activity and achievements at the chapter level can only be described as exciting. Each region seems to have identified for itself a particular direction and area of emphasis. Having been aware of the state of the art of health librarianship in Canada ten years ago, it is heart-warming to see the energy and excitement generated at the local chapter levels in the name of health librarianship and, equally important, the CHLA/ABSC.

This year also witnessed the development of special project activities. Reference is made with pride to CHLA/ABSC involvement with the sponsorship of librarians from developing countries to the Fourth International Congress on Biomedical Librarianship to be held this September in Belgrade, Yugoslavia. That Canada, through our Association, can support the participation, in the exchange of information within the health sciences, by Third World librarians is an accomplishment and certainly one of which the health sciences library profession can feel proud. To this end, thanks must be given not only to CIDA but to the hard work and dilligent efforts of Mrs. Frances Groen, Life Sciences Area Librarian of McGill University.

A new project to which the membership gave support at the meeting in Vancouver is the History of Health Science Libraries and Librarianship in Canada. This publication will be edited by Doreen Fraser, Professor of Librarianship, Dalhousie University, and co-published by Dalhousie University's School of Library Service and CHLA/ABSC. The publishing aspect, i.e. financial support, production and distribution, will be handled by Dalhousie University through the Library School's Occasional Paper Series. The role of CHLA/ABSC will be the responsibility for ensuring the quality of content. Toward this end, an Advisory Committee has been formed to assist Doreen Fraser in establishing the subject parameters and time scheduling of the publication, as well as liaising with the Board of Directors. A most informative presentation was made to the membership at the Annual Meeting in Vancouver and the membership voted total support to this activity.

The third and final area of achievement and accomplishment was in the development and enhancement of the infrastructure of the Association. It was reported in the BMC some months ago that our Association was incorporated at the federal level in December, 1979. At the Annual Meeting the constitution, which had been ratified last May, had the amendments which were required for incorporation purposes approved. Our Association is now functioning under a constitution that has been legally accepted by the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. Continuing with her position as Chairman of the Constitution

- MB STONE, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SCIENCES, IDRC, OTTAWA.

Committee, Eileen Bradley of the University of Toronto welcomes any comments, questions or recommendations for changes to the new Constitution (correctly referred to as Set of By-Laws). These changes will be incorporated into our By-Laws at the next Annual Meeting.

For the purposes of incorporation, a legal post office box had to be acquired in the name of the Association. Please note that for all correspondence to the Association, it is recommended that all members use this post office box. Arrangements have been made to ensure that it is emptied on a regular basis. The address is: Box 983, Station B, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 5R1.

Other administrative activities and achievements speak for themselves in the committee reports that follow. It is important that they be read carefully as they reflect the business of your Association. It was while I read and/or listened to the reports being presented at the Board meeting and the Annual General Meeting that I became overwhelmed by the amount of work that had been done by those who represent you in their elected offices. I could not make my comments to the membership without applauding the hard work and energies expended by the Board members.

Finally, a strong vote of thanks must be given to the Programme Committee for the Fourth Annual Conference held in Vancouver. Bill Fraser and his committee (Linda Einblau, BCMLS; Diana Kent, Woodward Library; Deborah Newstead, Shaughnessy Hospital; David Noble, Cancer Control Agency) worked tirelessly in the achievement of a truly successful conference. The programme was stimulating and addressed many levels of concern of our membership. In this issue and future issues of the BMC I am sure that we will be reading some articles which have been generated from this very dynamic programme.

This year was very difficult for me. As many of you know, I changed my position in February. The impact of this change has yet to be fully realized. Had it not been for the support of the Board members as well as the support from my host organization, IDRC, I would not be able to say that 1979-80 was a truly successful year.

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MLA CANADIAN GROUP DISBANDS

- DAVID S. CRAWFORD

At a luncheon meeting on Tuesday, 17 June, 1980, about fifty members of the MLA Canadian Group met in Washington D.C. to hear reports from colleagues across Canada and a report on the CHLA/ABSC annual meeting in Vancouver.

At our meeting, the Canadian Group of MLA unanimously passed the following motion, proposed by Doreen Fraser of Halifax and seconded by Beatrix Robinow of Hamilton:

"That the Canadian Group of MLA be disbanded and that the Canadian Health Libraries Association/Association des Bibliothèques de la Santé du Canada be requested by the Chairman to organize informal social functions at future MLA Annual Meetings."

As Chairman of the Canadian Group, I have informed Martha Stone, President of CHLA/ABSC, of the motion and she will be contacting MLA to discuss augmenting the Bilateral Agreement to ensure that these social functions will be able to be listed in future MLA Annual Programmes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- TREASURER: SANDRA DUCHOW

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 MAY, 1980

<u>Assets</u>		<u>Liabilities & Equity</u>	
Cash in Bank	2054.98	Accrued Expenses	505.00
Advances re CLA Conference	800.00		
		Total Liabilities	505.00
		Equity	2349.98
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>\$ 2854.98</u>	<u>Total Liabilities & Equity</u>	<u>\$ 2854.98</u>

STATEMENT OF EQUITY
AS AT 31 MAY, 1980

<u>Balance 31 May, 1979</u>	\$ 2831.37
Excess of Expenditure over Income	31.39
	2799.98
Adjustment in Respect of Prior Years	450.00
<u>Balance 31 May, 1980</u>	<u>\$ 2349.98</u>

STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY, 1980

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditures</u>	
Membership Dues	4464.00	Printing	3614.70
Sundry Income	32.97	Postage	404.70
Interest Income	90.22	Translations	254.00
Conference Income	791.01	Meetings	64.63
		Sundry Expense	104.34
<u>Gross Income</u>	<u>\$ 5378.20</u>	Legal Fees	817.22
		Audit Fees	150.00
		Total Expenditures	\$ 5409.59
<u>Excess of Expenditure Over Income</u>	<u>\$ 32.39</u>		

Notes to Financial Statements:

1. In January, 1980, the Association received Letters Patent issued under the Canada Corporation Act.
2. In May, 1980, the Association was in receipt of a Government of Canada grant of \$12,000. These funds were immediately turned over to the World

Health Organization to be administered by them in connection with the forthcoming conference in Yugoslavia. (International Conference on Medical Librarianship).

To the Directors
Canadian Health Libraries Association

We have examined the Statement of Financial Position of the Canadian Health Libraries Association as at 31 May, 1980 and the Statements of Equity and Income for the year then ended. Our examination included a general review of the accounting records and other supporting evidence as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

Our examination of revenue which, because of its nature cannot be verified completely, was limited principally to tests of the deposits of recorded receipts in authorized depositories.

In our opinion, subject to the preceeding paragraph, these financial statements and accompanying notes present fairly the financial position of the Association as at 31 May, 1980 and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceeding year.

Signed:
Donald N. Charness
Chartered Accountant

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NOMINATION AND ELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT

- CHAIRMAN: DAVID S. CRAWFORD

The Committee was appointed in early 1980 and consisted of David Crawford, Anna Leith and Ann Nevill. A call for nominations was sent out, instructions for voters and ballots were prepared and the election for the post of Vice-President and for one vacancy on the Board of Directors was held.

The votes in these two elections were counted at McGill University by Margaret Farmer and Berti LeSieur to whom the Committee expresses their thanks.

The results were as follows: President Adjoint/Vice-President, Anitra Laycock and Board of Directors/Comite Executif, Bonita Stableford.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON H.S.R.C. REPORT

- CHAIRMAN: C. WILLIAM FRASER

The CHLA/ABSC representatives on this committee are M.A. Flower, Anna Leith and me. Pierrette Dubuc represents ASTED and Ann Nevill is the ACMC representative. Eve-Marie Lacroix is ex-officio. The Advisory Committee will meet with Elmer Smith, Director of CISTI, on Friday, 13 June.

Topics before the meeting at that time include a proposal relating to Canadian health statistics; the involvement of CISTI/HSRC in some

new regional developments, specifically the creation of local union lists and a possible CISTI outreach programme; and the recent report on the future of the National Library of Canada.

The Committee meets twice a year, once in conjunction with CHLA/ABSC and again at CISTI in January. Members of the Committee welcome any input from members of CHLA/ABSC.

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PROGRAMME COMMITTEE 1980 ANNUAL MEETING PRELIMINARY REPORT

CHAIRMAN: C. WILLIAM FRASER

The programme committee (consisting of Linda Einblau, Diana Kent, Debroah Newstead, David Noble, Bill Fraser) was formed in November and has met regularly since. David Crawford might also be considered a member of the committee since he arranged for the translating and printing of the preliminary programme, the pre-registration forms and the final programme.

Fourteen people were registered for the first-ever Canadian content course on Gerontology/Geriatrics. Seventeen people attended the MLA CE course on planning.

Total registration for the conference was sixty-two.

The following breakdowns of registrants may be of interest:

Maritimes	- 4	Academic	- 21
Quebec	- 9	Hospitals	- 17
Ontario	- 14	Societies	- 12
Manitoba	- 4	Government	- 6
Alberta	- 4	Other	- 3
B.C.	- 23		
Washington	- 1		

It is too early to give a detailed financial accounting of the conference but it looks as though we will be in the black.

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MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

CHAIRMAN: EVE-MARIE LACROIX

Members of the Committee are: Germain Chouinard, Sandra Duchow, Barbara Henwood and Eve-Marie Lacroix.

As of 31 May, 1980, membership stands at 234 personal members and 33 subscribers, for a total of 267. This is a decrease of 19 members over the last year.

During the year, the Committee developed a bilingual brochure and membership application form which will be inexpensive to print and mail, and easily updated for each new year. The brochure was typeset in Winnipeg and a sample printing completed, making it a subscription tool for 1980/81. Many thanks must go to Barbara Henwood for her work both in copy development and coordination of the printing details and to Germain Chouinard who provided the French version of the brochure and a comprehensible membership application form.

An address file and mailing labels have been generated using HSRC's data base of health sciences related organizations. A fairly large but selective mailing of the new brochure will be carried out next month. Brochures will also be made available to the CHLA/ABSC Chapters and other regional groups upon demand. It is thus expected that membership will expand markedly in the coming year.

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PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

- CHAIRMAN: DAVID S. CRAWFORD

No formal meetings of the Committee have been held this year but contact has been maintained. The main activities have been the BMC, (the report of the Editor is attached), and the discussions on the CanHealth/Santé Canada guide.

On the question of the latter, it is unfortunate that the guide is not yet available but the delay is unavoidable and it is understood that a final draft will be circulated prior to the Annual Meeting and that publication will occur this summer.

Once the exact size is determined, recommendation regarding price will be sent to the Board.

The report from the Editor is full and self-explanatory. I would like, however, to add my voice to his concerning the lack of contributors to BMC from both Members and Officers. For many Members, the BMC is the only link with CHLA/ABSC and it is, in my mind, imperative to continue to produce a meaningful, meaty and regular publication. It is to be hoped that the regular HSRC and President's pages will reappear in the future.

In concluding this report, I must express my gratitude to and admiration of PJ Fawcett for his editorial ability. The task of the new editors will be made easier by the sound foundation which he has laid.

BIBLIOTHECA MEDICA CANADIANA: Annual Report, 1979-1980

I can only approach a report on the activities of the BMC for this membership year with mixed feelings: being the most visible aspect of CHLA/ABSC, a report on its activities is somewhat superfluous. Also, the publication, like the proverbial duck which manages to appear calm and unruffled on the surface while paddling furiously underneath, is suffering. While the BMC continues to garner international recognition (Journal Notes, BMLA, Apr 80) and approval from the membership, the duck in charge is paddling harder to achieve even less.

Last year we published 5 issues with a total of 181 pages. This year we have published 4 issues with 112 pages in total. Each issue has been growing progressively smaller. At one time, writing to a pair of members would solicit at least one item for publication; recently, my last eleven requests to members to write for the BMC resulted in a total return of absolutely nothing. More significantly, six of those eleven never bothered to even reply. I am also saddened to see that two regular features of the BMC, the responsibility of two of our own Board members, failed to appear in the last issue. As always, time and conflicts of workload are a problem, but if our own Board cannot make the BMC their first priority, can we expect more of

our membership?

Nothing will kill the BMC faster than apathy.

An editor has two immediate solutions to the problem of lack of material: either postpone publishing or fill in the pages with garbage. The former is self-defeating and the latter is distasteful (but has been the solution of choice in the past). The long-range solution is to line up more substantial copy for the printed page: that requires an involvement from the membership which seems to be on the decline.

On a more cheerful note, the past year has consolidated some progress. After 7 issues, the BMC has established a fixed periodicity, a recognizable format, a tone and level of content, and has provided a forum for small Canadian health libraries. Roughly one-fifth of its pages have appeared in French, a remarkable fact given the editor's inability to read (or type) anything in that tongue beyond what appears on the average wine label. This latter achievement is largely due to the volunteer translation efforts of Pierrette Dubuc. And by far the best news this year concerning the BMC is that the editor is being replaced: after vol. II, no. 3, the BMC's editorial side will be the joint responsibility of Pierrette Dubuc and Arlene Greenberg.

Compiling a periodical is one task, having it professionally printed, bound and promptly dispatched is another. For the latter efforts, David S. Crawford and Sandra Duchow have ably collaborated in Montreal to ensure that the BMC has reached the membership. I have relied extensively on David to manage the myriad details of production and distribution and most gratefully acknowledge his support.

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MLA - CHLA/ABSC LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORT

- CHAIRMAN: EVE-MARIE LACROIX

During the MLA meeting in Hawaii in June, 1979, the presidents of CHLA/ABSC and MLA signed a bilateral arrangement, agreeing to work and share in activities of mutual interest. The agreement specifically addresses:

- exchange of publications
- cooperative efforts in hosting visitors from abroad
- continuing education activities
- official representation from each association to the annual meeting

In order to be working in areas defined by the agreement, Mr. Gerald Oppenheimer was appointed by the MLA and Eve-Marie Lacroix was appointed by the CHLA/ABSC as liaison with a Committee of Frances Groen, David Crawford, M.A. Flower, and C. William Fraser.

For the forthcoming MLA meeting, I was invited by Lois Colaianni to bring the greetings from foreign centres to the annual business meeting. As the official representative, I was also invited to attend the meetings of the International Cooperation Committee. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the meeting; however, Bill Fraser has agreed to act as official delegate to the meeting, thus CHLA/ABSC will be well represented.

The Committee has identified 3 areas for discussion and activity:

1. The conflict resulting from the new MLA by-laws requiring discrete boundaries for geographic areas of chapters. Specifically, the Canadian group

overlaps several regional chapters extending into Canada.

2. Joint projects to help developing countries in the spirit created by the International Congress forthcoming, it has been suggested that we discuss areas where MLA and CHLA/ABSC might cooperate in assisting developing countries.
3. Continuing education:
 - (a) The bilateral agreement specifies that: CHLA/ABSC may use MLA syllabi as a basis for its own CE courses.
 - (b) CHLA/ABSC may grant CEU's for these courses.
 - (c) MLA will continue to grant credit to Canadians taking MLA courses.

A committee of myself, Barbara Henwood, Germain Chouinard and Bonnie Stableford has begun to review syllabi with a view to developing such MLA-based courses.

Input from you, the members of CHLA/ABSC, is vital to our efforts, and thus I would welcome your suggestions now or at any time during the year.

In addition, to ensure that all members have an opportunity to be heard, we will be surveying the membership during the coming year.

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HEALTH SCIENCES RESOURCE CENTRE ANNUAL REPORT

Please see page 75,79.

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MLA REGIONAL GROUP MEETING

The 1980 annual meeting of the Upstate New York and Ontario Regional Group of the Medical Library Association will be held in Rochester, New York Thursday through Saturday, 2-4 October, 1980 at the Hilton Inn on the Campus, 175 Jefferson Road, Rochester, New York 14623.

The theme of the meeting will be Library Management. The keynote speakers will be Shirley Echelman, Executive Director, Medical Library Association and Evelyn H. Daniel, Associate Professor, Syracuse University School of Information Studies.

The following CE courses will be offered on Saturday, 4 October, 1980: MLA CE 46: Library Management/Budgeting; MLA CE 54: Neoplasia; and UNYORG CE: Law and the Medical Librarian.

For further information, contact Janet Brady Berk, History of Medicine Librarian, University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, 601 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester, New York 14642, phone (716) 275-2979.

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REPORTS FROM THE CHLA/ABSC CHAPTERS

One of the constitutional requirements for maintaining chapter status in the CHLA/ABSC is that each chapter must table an annual report with the Board of Directors. Following are the reports from the six chapters of CHLA/ABSC which were tabled at the Annual Meeting in Vancouver.

BRITISH COLUMBIA HEALTH LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION

The B.C. Health Libraries Association with a membership of 45 from 15 health institutions has emphasized the importance of communication and interaction in its first full year of operation. Four well-attended meetings during the year have brought members together and given them a far better understanding of each other and their libraries.

The first meeting, held at the Workers' Compensation Board, featured a speaker and slides on British Columbia medical history. Four speakers at the second meeting discussed cancer information for the lay person. The third meeting, held in Victoria, heard Dr. Abraham Hoffer speak about megavitamin therapy. The final annual meeting at the B.C. Medical Library Service was a supper and social evening.

The Hospital Libraries Committee has prepared and distributed a questionnaire sent to all hospitals in the province. With the results of this, we hope to prepare a brief to present to B.C. Hospital Programmes in September. Methods of budgeting and the staffing of B.C. hospital libraries are two areas the Committee hopes to influence.

Respectfully submitted,
C. William Fraser
President

MANITOBA HEALTH LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION

1. Meetings

1979/80 has once again been a busy year for MHLA. In addition to the regular meetings held in September, 1979 and February and May, 1980, MHLA participated in the Manitoba Health Organizations annual conference and, with their financial assistance, sponsored a seminar on "Shared Services Meet the Challenge of Fiscal Restraint: Health Library Consortia and Networking in Manitoba", with Beatrix Robinow as guest speaker. An afternoon session was devoted to "Professional Effectiveness through Personal Development: Communications Skills" with a well-known Winnipeg facilitator directing the programme.

The 1980 MHO/MHLA Conference Session is presently being planned and will centre around "Nursing and Nursing Libraries" with particular reference to continuing education and the lead speaker will be Bonita Stableford.

2. Committees

Publications Committee. The Publications Committee has this year brought to fruition several plans indicated in last year's report. The MHLA News appears irregularly and is distributed to all members, and other interested persons as the need arises. An orientation package for new members is now complete. The Committee has prepared and sold out all copies of the first edition of Selected Books and Journals for Manitoba Health Care Facilities. It has been decided that the initiative for a new edition will come from the Extension Service of the University of Manitoba with MHLA as active participants. Work on the second edition is to start Fall 1980.

Serials Holdings Committee. The second edition of Serials Holdings

of Member Libraries and its accompanying Directory was prepared and distributed to member institutions following many continuing hours of work by members of this committee.

Two local loan surveys have been conducted; preliminary findings indicate that this information is useful and further refinement to questionnaires is to be undertaken with a view to gathering more permanently useful statistics.

Programme Committee. Arranged programmes for all regular meetings were the responsibility of this Committee. Topics covered were: the problems of rural hospital library service by a rural member of MHLA, at the first meeting of MHLA to be held outside Winnipeg; membership panel on Shared Services in Manitoba Health Libraries--What is Possible? to continue discussion started at the MHO/MHLA Conference; health-related government documents by June Dutka, Documents Librarian at the University of Manitoba.

Executive Committee. The Executive had a particularly busy year since they undertook the responsibility of drawing up a revised constitution. This task was successfully completed and adopted by the membership in a mail ballot in early 1980. The new constitution sets out both to allow more latitude and to give more specificity in areas where the previous one was lacking.

The Executive this past year consisted of: Kathy Eagleton, President; Jill Brown, Vice-President; Doris Pritchard, Secretary-Treasurer; Sandra Langlands, Past-President. The Executive for 1980/80, under the revised constitution, is: Kathy Eagleton, President; Marilyn Hernandez, President-Elect; Bea Zwiep, Secretary; Rita Schreiber, Treasurer.

3. Membership

Membership remained roughly the same as in 1978/79 with 27 institutional and 15 personal members, although the composition did change somewhat.

4. Other Activities

The Health Manpower Provincial Report now contains on an annual basis, figures on the numbers and types of personnel employed in health libraries known to MHLA.

The Current Awareness Programme has continued in 1979/80 and in the upcoming year the contents pages chosen in this programme will be increased to include more specific health librarianship related journals.

Our major project for 1980/81 will be the Task Force on Shared Services in Manitoba Health Libraries. The Task Force is charged with evaluating the membership discussion on shared services held at a recent general meeting and further charged with making recommendations on future action to be taken by MHLA with regard to the creation of a formal health consortium in Manitoba. Their report is expected by 31 January, 1981.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Eagleton
President

WINDSOR AREA HEALTH LIBRARIANS ASSOCIATION

The year started off well with two of our members journeying to Ottawa in June, 1979 to attend the Annual Meeting of the CHLA/ABSC. At this meeting, we were pleased to receive our certificate as a charter Chapter in the Canadian Health Libraries Association/Association des Bibliothèques de la Santé du Canada.

Meeting Activities

W.A.H.L.A. members met once a month (excluding July, August and March) and participated in the following activities.

1. Revision, printing and distributing of the third edition of the W.A.H.L.A. Serials List.

2. Initiation of distribution to all member agencies of the literature searches carried out in each agency.

3. Purchase of U.L.O.S.S.O.M. (Union List of Special Serials of Michigan) interlibrary loan membership by one hospital with cost sharing use by all others.

4. Cooperative purchasing of serials.

5. Distribution of accession lists.

6. Review of MLA courses on Biomedical Reference Tools and Literature of Health Care Administration.

7. Arrangements made for computer literature searches in Detroit, through one Windsor hospital with the other participating.

Guests from the libraries of Sarnia General Hospital and Lambton County Community College were welcomed. During the year, all the agencies were visited, new improvements were seen and mutual problems were discussed.

Outside Activities

Members of W.A.H.L.A. were invited to attend the bimonthly meetings of M.D.M.L.G. (Metropolitan Detroit Medical Library Group) and participated at these meetings in July, September, January, March, and May. Topics at these meetings were: L.A.T.C.H., Circuit Librarian, National Library, History of M.D.M.L.G., Visit to GM Technical Centre and Library, and Problems in Medical Libraries.

Two members of W.A.H.L.A. attended the annual CHLA/ABSC meeting in Ottawa in June, 1979 and received the chapter certificate. Visits were also made to the Public Library and CISTI.

Several members of W.A.H.L.A. attended the Michigan Health Libraries Association Conference in Ann Arbor, 3-5 October. Among the many sessions attended were those on: Biomedical reference tools, MEDLINE search interviewing, Public relations in the library.

Two members attended an afternoon session in April at Wayne State University on Excerpta Medica On-line.

Requirements for Chapter Status

The Windsor Area Health Libraries Association continues to meet the requirements of chapter status in that: the majority of members attend the meetings, our group consists of five hospitals (seven hospital libraries) and one public health agency, and the majority and executive are CHLA/ABSC members. All other criteria for chapter status are being met.

Respectfully submitted,
Anna Henshaw
Co-ordinator

TORONTO MEDICAL LIBRARIES GROUP

The Toronto Medical Libraries Group elected its new officers on 15 May, 1980 but I have been asked to submit the annual report since it covers the period when I was chairman. Our new chairman is Loraine Spencer-Gary, Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario: chairman-elect is Edna Allen, Warner-Lambert Canada Ltd. Irene Jeryn of the Hospital for Sick Children continues as treasurer.

This year, from September 1979 to May 1980, we held a total of five meetings. At our first meeting, Professor Nancy Williamson of the Faculty of Library Science, University of Toronto, gave us an introduction to AACR2. Geraldine Hughes, Co-ordinator of Library Techniques Program at Sheridan College, acted as discussant. The meeting was held at Toronto Western Hospital so that our members could visit the new library after hearing the guest speakers.

In December, we held our annual Christmas party. This year, thanks to the unbelievable energy and enthusiasm of Edna Allen (our chairman-appointed but unconstitutional programme coordinator), we managed to provide a free buffet supper to members, with only a nominal charge for guests. We even threw in some door-prizes. Dr. Dale Dotten of the Wellesley Hospital presented his popular slide-show on wine-making; this provided an academic but festive note to the evening. We have never attempted such an ambitious party before, but the attendance was excellent, everyone enjoyed themselves, and the extra effort was well rewarded by the increased socializing that resulted.

In January, Warner-Lambert Canada Ltd. hosted a meeting on their premises. Dr. Andrew Diosy, Medical Director, and Mr. Alberta Lam, Medical Services Officer, gave the Group an interesting account of how new drugs are researched, with particular attention to government submissions and regulations.

In March, Carr McLean Ltd., a library supplier, also hosted a meeting. A demonstration was given of minor book repairs and a very useful booklet was distributed to accompany the talk. The company showroom was open for browsing after the meeting so that we could examine various products and talk to company salesmen.

Our final meeting of the year was a dinner meeting, the first one the Group has held. Our guest speaker was Robert Boyd, Personnel Manager, Warner-Lambert Canada. The subject for the evening was assertiveness, and we were given a two-hour condensed version of what is usually a full-day program. The speaker was excellent and the meeting was a great success.

Business items this year included the publication of the third edition of A Union List of Periodicals Currently Received in Cooperating Health Sciences Libraries in Toronto and Vicinity. Forty-three libraries are included in this list and copies sell for \$15.00. Sales for this edition are being handled by the Academy of Medicine, Toronto, and to date 65 copies have been sold.

The Group also responded by letter to the revised Guidelines for the Education of Library Technicians, prepared by the Ontario Association of Library Technicians' Instructors. This led to the appointment of Pamela Avis Pollock of the Ontario Medical Association as our representative to the Ad Hoc Provincial Advisory Committee which will review the comments that have been received on the guidelines.

We are still exploring the feasibility of automated cataloguing systems. Linda McFarlane, Librarian at Sunnybrook Medical Centre, applied to the Summer Youth Employment Programme for an automation feasibility study to determine if a computerized union catalogue would enable the Toronto area health sciences libraries to work together more effectively by enabling them to locate monographs more easily, by eliminating unnecessary duplication of resources and by eliminating the need for each library to catalogue the same book. Another objective of the project would be to determine the cost of implementing a computerized system compared to the cost of current practice.

Another item of business this year was to establish a source of

revenue to cover the cost of mailings and meeting expenses. In the past, anyone who expressed an interest in the Group was added to the mailing list and notified of all meetings. This resulted in a very long (and expensive) mailing list, but many of the individuals never attended meetings. It was also becoming increasingly difficult to find free meeting places or to cover the cost of coffee. After considerable discussion of how to raise money for basic expenses, it was decided to introduce a \$5.00 membership fee. We continued to scrounge as much as possible, but with the membership fees we were able to offer a much more elaborate type of programming. We also splurged on name-tags (which are recycled each meeting) and this has made it much easier for members to strike up conversations. We now have eighty-nine members and several new people have indicated they plan to join the coming autumn.

Respectfully submitted,
Verla Empey
Past-Chairman

OTTAWA-HULL CHAPTER

1. Membership and Executive 1979-1980

In 1979-80, the CHLA/ABSC Ottawa/Hull Chapter mailing list included 55 names of individuals representing 25 separate institutions. Of these, 36 medical librarians representing 16 institutions attended the CHLA/ABSC Chapter meetings. More than ever before, hospital librarians participated in these meetings and at the same time a strong relationship developed between the Chapter and the Ontario Hospital Association, Region 9 Hospital Libraries Group. Highlights from each other's activities were presented at their respective meetings.

The executive of the Chapter for 1979-80 demonstrated the excellent blend of government, university and hospital libraries represented in the group. The 1979-80 executive were: Margaret Taylor, President, from Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario; Bonita Stableford, Vice-President, from University of Ottawa until December, 1979 and from CISTI after January, 1980; Philip Allan, Secretary/Treasurer, from National Defence Medical Centre. The executive worked very hard during this past year and the entire Chapter thanks them for their efforts.

2. Meetings

In 1979-80, six meetings were held. This year, on a trial basis, evening meetings were alternated with afternoon meetings to try to accommodate those members who found it difficult to leave their libraries during the day. However, a decision was made at the AGM on 30 May to discontinue this practice as attendance at the evening meetings was even lower than at the afternoon meetings.

3. Business Discussed

Change of Name. After the CHLA/ABSC AGM in Ottawa in June, several members of the Ottawa/Hull Chapter wanted the Chapter to revert to being a uniquely-named group as opposed to being identified solely as a Chapter of CHLA/ABSC. They pointed out that all other chapters also have a unique name, eg: Toronto Medical Libraries Group, Manitoba Health Libraries Association, etc. They also pointed out that in order to 'incorporate' at a later time, our Chapter would need to have a name distinct from the parent group. The matter of the name change was discussed at every meeting beginning with the September meeting. At the November meeting, it was moved that the

group adopt a unique name and various suggestions were put forward at the next two meetings. At the AGM on 30 May, a ballot was distributed to the members with all suggestions and these ballots have yet to be tabulated. The final choice will be sent to the national executive and to all other Chapters later this summer.

Cancellation of Journals. Rising journal prices had forced many libraries in the area to reduce their total number of subscriptions. It was decided at the September meeting that proposed cancellations would be discussed by the entire group at a special meeting in the late Spring or early Summer so that changes in planned cancellations could be made. This would help avoid problems such as all local holders of a title cancelling the title at the same time. It would also allow some libraries to start new subscriptions in time if they discovered that the library they used to borrow the journal from was planning to cancel.

AACR2. The AACR2 rules were of interest to members of the group and it was proposed that a joint workshop be held by the CHLA/ABSC Ottawa/Hull Chapter and the OHA Region 9 Hospital Libraries Group. Dianne Kharouba of the Cataloguing Department at CISTI volunteered to lead the workshop. Eventually, it was determined that interest shown by the CHLA/ABSC members was mainly limited to those hospital librarians already members of the OHA group. Thus, the OHA group offered to host the workshop on its own and it took place in December.

Continuing Education. Bonita Stableford, Vice-President of the Chapter, also acted as the Education Coordinator. This year, many educational activities were brought to the attention of the other members, notably the MLA CE courses offered at the CHLA/ABSC and MLA annual meetings. Courses offered by McGill University and the University of Toronto were also announced. Alternative travel arrangements to the MLA and CHLA/ABSC 1980 meetings were also presented by Ms. Stableford.

Alta Vista Site Libraries. The Ottawa Health Sciences Centre, Inc. is well on its way to completion. The Centre is a complex of many health care facilities including the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, the new Ottawa General Hospital, the University of Ottawa's Health Sciences Faculty Building and the Royal Ottawa Hospital's Rehabilitation Centre and the Crippled Children's Treatment Centre. Situated nearby and affiliated with the Centre is the National Defense Medical Centre.

All of these institutions have libraries and the sharing of some services between these libraries was presented as a possibility for future consideration by those CHLA/ABSC members involved in the site. As a result of the discussion at the September meeting, a sub-committee called the Alta Vista Sub-committee (the site is located in the Alta Vista area of Ottawa) was formed to look into shared services.

Guest Speakers. The Chapter executive has tried to include in the meetings lectures by guest speakers on topics of interest to the group as a whole. This year there were three guest speakers from outside the group and three from inside the group.

In November, Mrs. Lynn Legate, Head of Reference Services, and Mrs. Genevieve Thomson, Coordinator of Adult Services, both from the Ottawa Public Library came to speak on the subject of "Libraries and Consumer Health Education". Mrs. Legate and the Chapter President, Mrs. Taylor, had both been members of a panel at the CLA-CAPL Workshop: "The Perils and Pitfalls of Medical Literature in the Public Library". Both agreed that the public library community and the health library community must get involved in sharing information in the field of consumer health education. Mrs. Legate and Mrs. Thomson

gave a very informative talk and the members were very interested in developing the relationship between the public and health library communities. This resulted in the formation of a joint sub-committee of CHLA/ABSC Ottawa/Hull Chapter and the Ottawa Public Library to look at further resource and information sharing by the two groups in this area.

Those present at the January meeting were fortunate to hear a talk by Doris Thibodeau on "Women in Medicine". Doris is the Curator of Rare Books and Librarians at the Welch Medical Library, Institute of the History of Medicine, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland. Ms. Thibodeau's lecture was informative and thought-provoking and entertaining as it contained many anecdotes on the involvement of women in medicine from ancient times to the 1900's.

At the March meeting, three of the members presented on topics near and dear to the hearts. Sheila Dyne spoke on "Volunteers and Libraries". Sheila is one of the volunteers who run the medical library at the Queensway-Carleton Hospital. Bonita Stableford spoke on MEDLARS in Canada; she, of course, is the Canadian MEDLARS Coordinator from CISTI. Margaret Taylor spoke clinical librarianship mentioning specifically her own clinical librarian service which has been running for nearly two years at the CHEO in Ottawa.

Sub-committees

The members of the Alta Vista Sub-committee met formally for the first time on 10 October, 1979. Since then, they have been corresponding with each other regularly about shared services. Another formal meeting was planned for 20 June, 1980. The Chairman of the Sub-committee is Maurice Alarie from the University of Ottawa.

To date, the members have collected information received from their individual administrators on any plans at the administrative level for shared services including shared library services and have also collected information on the combined library resources that will be available on the Alta Vista site. The Sub-committee hopes to present their ideas on feasible shared library services to the governing body of the site: the Technical Advisory Committee of the Ottawa Health Sciences Centre, Inc. and will be requesting that one of their membership sit on any TAC sub-committee created to look at shared library services.

The OPL-CHLA Sub-committee has also met formally once on 13 February, 1980. There were five representatives from CHLA/ABSC and five from the OPL. The CHLA/ABSC members requested from OPL that more circulating materials be selected in the area of health education and be made available at all the branches of OPL. This would help health librarians who often have to refer the public to the OPL system without really knowing whether or not there are suitable materials available at OPL to handle these requests. Two members of the CHLA/ABSC group volunteered to prepare a list of suggested basic medical books for the OPL Acquisitions Department.

At this point, the two groups represented in the Sub-committee decided to collaborate on the preparation of subject bibliographies of patient education materials available presently at OPL. The health librarians could hand out these lists to patients or the public coming into their libraries and be confident that the OPL would circulate whatever was on the list. This idea stemmed from a project of the Hamilton Public Library and the McMaster University Medical Centre Clinical Library Service which was extremely successful. It was also decided to approach the Director of the MUMC Clinical Library Service to see if the CHLA-OPL Sub-committee might "swap" bibliographies with

the HPL-MUMC group.

The OPL representatives had requests to make of the CHLA/ABSC group. The OPL Reference Department wanted more information on each health sciences library in the Ottawa area so that they could call on them for assistance with more specific medical questions. The CHLA/ABSC members agreed to circulate a detailed questionnaire to their entire membership and pass this information on to OPL.

AGM - CHLA/ABSC, 1979

The CHLA/ABSC AGM was held in Ottawa, 13-14 June. President M.A. Flower described the meeting in her report as a "memorable occasion". June 13th was a very busy day of CE activities followed by a delightful welcoming reception at the University of Ottawa. June 14th was also busy but with presentations, panel discussions and business meetings at CISTI. Our Chapter is very proud of the local planning committee -- Bonnie Stableford, Nancy Wildgoose, Eve-Marie Lacroix -- who worked very hard to make the meeting such a success. Appreciation is also due to the many other members of our Chapter who volunteered to do all sorts of jobs to keep the meeting running smoothly.

New Executive, 1980-81

The election of the new executive for the Chapter was held at the March meeting. All officers were elected by acclamation and were installed in their new offices at the AGM in May. They are: President, Margaret Taylor (CHEO); Vice-President, Dianne Kharouba (CISTI & CHEO); and Secretary/Treasurer, Sheila Dyne (Queensway-Carleton).

We wish them the best of luck for the coming year. They will be assisted in their duties by a programme planning committee made up of: Doris Forster (Queensway-Carleton), Midge Beaudoin (Canadian Medical Association), Claire McKeogh (Canadian Nurses Association), and Irene Stark (Algonquin College). We thank these four members for volunteering their time to help the executive with the busy schedule ahead. Topics for discussion in 1980-81 will include the use of UTLAS in health consortia, use of microform collections in health libraries, informed consent and its implications on health libraries, MLA recertification, etc.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Taylor
President

NOVA SCOTIA HEALTH LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION

Our executive consists of: President, Anitra Laycock (Health Services Library, Halifax Infirmary); Vice-President, Linda Harvey (W.K. Kellogg Health Sciences Library); Secretary, Joyce Kublin (Nova Scotia Department of Health Library).

As stated in last year's Annual Report, the active membership of the NSHLA is concentrated in the Halifax-Dartmouth area. This year we have abandoned, temporarily at least, any attempt at province-wide activity and, in line with our stated objective of defining realistic goals and programmes, we have concentrated our effort locally.

This has been a very active year on the local scene with a total of nine regular meetings organized. A number of guest speakers have been involved in discussion on subjects as various as the role of CISTI, the preservation of library materials, library security systems, and the handling of audiovisual materials. Still to come are visits to two of our member

institutions and discussions of on-line searching and of nursing literature.

A working committee on Library Planning has been actively involved in the initial planning stages for a new 1,000 bed hospital complex for Halifax.

Member institutions submit journal holdings to the W.K. Kellogg Library at Dalhousie University for the the annual production of a computer generated union list of serials. Between updates, lists of new acquisitions are circulated regularly among member institutions. We are now starting to circulate projected journal cancellations so that we can develop a collective acquisitions policy for lesser-used or more expensive items.

Respectfully submitted,
Anitra Laycock
President

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CHLA/ABSC CHAPTERS: KEEPING IN TOUCH

At the Annual General Meeting of the CHLA/ABSC on 11 June, 1980, interest was voiced in a regular exchange of information among the 6 chapters of the Association. One way in which this exchange can be easily realized is for each chapter to add the mailing addresses of the other chapters to its mailing list.

If you belong to a chapter of CHLA/ABSC, please support this exchange across the country. The types of information to be shared include reports on workshops, major projects, seminars, membership drives, and other activities that could be transplanted and attempted somewhere else. Other members of the Association would like to know more about your chapter's achievements; consider adding the CHLA/ABSC Board of Directors and the Editors of the BMC to your mailing list. Your chapter's newsletters would also be a good adjunct to, but not a replacement for, routine reports from your chapter's BMC correspondent.

If you don't yet belong to a chapter but notice there is one operating in your area, investigate its activities by contacting the chapter president.

If there is no chapter in your area, you might consider starting one. You will need a copy of the CHLA/ABSC constitution and by-laws, a large pot of coffee, plus at least five people interested in the objectives of the Association. The by-laws list fully the responsibilities and benefits of the chapters. If you have questions on the formation of a chapter, contact the CHLA/ABSC Board or the chapter president nearest you.

The chapters listed on the next page are those who have already been officially recognized by CHLA/ABSC. Chapters-in-the-making will find the BMC an excellent vehicle to publicize contact addresses and keep the membership aware of their progress.

You can make the most of your membership in CHLA/ABSC by participating in the Association's activities at the national, regional and local level.

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CANHELP CORNER

- M. A. FLOWER

Those CHLA/ABSC members who attended the Annual Meeting in Vancouver will know that one part of that meeting was a lively session devoted to the perennial questions about libraries, particularly those in hospitals. Whenever health librarians encounter individuals in the health field who are unaware of library dynamics, and are therefore hazy about why libraries are the way they are (besides expensive), those persons usually have three comments: show me who needs the kind of library you describe; show me who wants a library like this; and, justify the costs.

If we are going to remove this static, which seems to be blocking our progress toward better, more cooperative and more universal information services in the health field in Canada, we must enter into this dialogue with our colleagues about health libraries and how they function both knowingly and persuasively. The CANHELP Project has proposed a national seminar as an opener. In Vancouver, we experimented with a small prototype of this idea. The Program Chairman of the Vancouver meeting, Bill Fraser, assembled a panel to discuss the topic: "The Information Needs of the Health Professional". In all, seven health professionals responded to a position paper which attempted to establish the role of hospital libraries in the delivery of health information. Their points of view came out of their own personal experiences and most of their comments could be collected under three general headings: administration, services and communication.

The administrative realities in any hospital include costs which are realistic in the total hospital framework, and the power structure. We were cautioned that library standards, interhospital sharing of resources, and delivery of information where it is needed, should all recognize the prevailing financial restraints. We were also told that affecting any change in a hospital involved two-way dialogue, particularly with two key individuals, the Administrator and the Chairman of the Medical Advisory Committee. If we learn their concerns and show them ours, we may be able to balance the positive and negative forces and make some progress.

Physicians and nurses both admitted that their colleagues depend on each other for professional information, and not on library services. They were unapologetic about that. However, pharmacists have found, as we have, that services must be demonstrated before they will be used by the hospital staff, and that cost-benefit discussions about administrative details are counter-productive. One speaker, who gives regular talks on the services available to the education department of a hospital, suddenly realized that he had left the library off the list.

Finally, it was shown that health library personnel are not the only health professionals who find it difficult to communicate their concerns effectively in a hospital setting. Others have difficulty, too. Perceived needs are hard to put into words, and communication often breaks down. Three concrete suggestions were made to us: we might work with standards in the hospitals, and continue to explain them; we might designate a good working library as a demonstration model for accreditation surveyors; and we might develop inservice training programmes for library personnel. Perhaps all these together would help us communicate more adequately with our Canadian colleagues in the health field, so that we will be able to provide the health information they really need in a form they can use.

Those who participated in our demonstration in Vancouver were:

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Norman Barth, Administrator, Burnaby General Hospital, Burnaby, B.C.; Dr. Peter Grantham, Family Practice Unit, University of British Columbia; Norma Foster, Maternal-Child Clinical Instructor, Royal Columbia Hospital, New Westminster, B.C.; Dr. Geoffrey C. Robinson, Population Pediatrics Unit, Childrens' Hospital, Vancouver; Joanna Stan, Head, Division of Occupational Therapy, School of Rehabilitation Medicine, University of British Columbia; Ian G. Sheppard, Pharmacy, Shaughnessy Hospital, Vancouver; and Linda McFarlane, Librarian, Sunnybrook Medical Centre, Toronto. We are very grateful for their suggestions, which we hope to incorporate as the CANHELP Project progresses.

There was actually considerable follow-up during the rest of the Vancouver session. Discussions occurred in the meetings of the Board of the CHLA/ABSC and the CANHELP Committee. And when the CANHELP report was presented to the membership at the Annual General Meeting, a spirited question and answer period developed. The ultimate decision reached was that the next step should be the development of a series of funding proposals to support the national seminar which has been proposed. This will be the summer task of the CANHELP Committee.

CHLA/ABSC members may be interested to know that the proceedings of the panel debate were taped, and they will soon be available on cassettes which can be borrowed as the basis for further discussions. All members of CHLA/ABSC are encouraged to take part by suggesting topics for position papers which have a bearing on the information needs of health professionals, inter-library cooperation, library training, funding, staffing, etc. There is room for discussion of the relation of all kinds of health libraries to the delivery of health information in the field. And planning the programme of the seminar will be our next major consideration, after funding.

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AUX INTÉRESSÉS...

Nous sommes heureux de vous apprendre que le Catalogue collectif des périodiques dans les bibliothèques de santé de la région de Québec sera bientôt disponible.

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OÙ ALLONS NOUS? BILAN DES DEUX PREMIÈRES ANNÉES DU COMITÉ CONSULTATIF SUR LES SCIENCES DE LA SANTÉ, ICIST

- FRANCES K. GROEN

La création du Comité consultatif sur le Centre bibliographique des sciences de la santé de l'Institut canadien de l'information scientifique et technique remonte à l'année 1978. Le Comité a été mis sur pied à la suite d'une recommandation faite au directeur de l'ICIST par le Comité de ressources spéciales des bibliothèques d'écoles de médecine de l'Association des facultés de médecine du Canada. La création du Comité consultatif a été bien accueillie par l'ancien directeur de l'ICIST, M. Jack Brown, et le soutien et l'encouragement de son successeur, M. Elmer Smith, ont permis d'assurer la continuité et la viabilité du Comité.

Le Comité consultatif doit continuer à se poser la question, à savoir, que doit faire le Centre bibliographique des sciences de la santé dans l'intérêt des bibliothèques de la santé au Canada? La publication d'un répertoire intitulé Information en sciences de la santé au Canada représente une des réalisations les plus fructueuses de l'interaction entre le Centre et la communauté des bibliothèques, représentée par le Comité consultatif. Fruit des efforts de Mad. Eve-Marie Lacroix, chef du Centre, ce premier répertoire des bibliothèques des sciences de la santé a été publié en juillet 1979. Mad. Lacroix accepte volontiers des suggestions visant à améliorer les éditions subséquentes; en fait, une grande partie de la 5^e réunion du comité, tenue en janvier 1980, a été consacrée au répertoire. Pour établir le répertoire, le personnel de l'ICIST a dressé un fichier de réponses à un sondage que l'on peut maintenant interroger afin de connaître différents aspects des bibliothèques des sciences de la santé au Canada.

En cherchant à répondre à la question "Qu'est-ce que le CBSS devrait faire de plus?", le Comité consultatif a étudié, à plusieurs reprises, les problèmes auxquels se butent les documentalistes en quête de données statistiques canadiennes en sciences de la santé. On leur demande souvent des données statistiques canadiennes sur la population, les maladies, le nombre de médecins, les études épidémiologiques et les études socio-économiques qui ont rapport aux maladies. Ces renseignements sont disponibles, mais ne sont pas toujours faciles d'accès. Beaucoup de bibliothécaires des sciences de la santé éloignés des grandes villes ont de la difficulté à trouver ces renseignements. De plus, les données statistiques peuvent relever de l'un ou l'autre palier de gouvernement, du régional au fédéral, ce qui ne facilite pas les choses. Une proposition détaillée sur ce besoin d'information sera élaborée par les membres du Comité consultatif et présentée à une des prochaines réunions. Si la proposition est acceptée, ce projet de données statistiques sera réalisé à même les ressources des l'ICIST et du CBSS.

L'établissement du répertoire des bibliothèques des sciences de la santé et le besoin de données statistiques canadiennes sur les sciences de la santé illustrent l'orientation du Comité consultatif. Contrairement à la Commission consultative sur l'information scientifique et technologique, axée davantage sur les prises de décision, le Comité consultatif du CBSS s'intéresse aux préoccupations essentielles des bibliothèques des sciences de la santé. La force du Comité provient de sa composition. Puisque ses membres représentent tous les secteurs de la communauté des bibliothécaires de la santé, le Comité consultatif est bien placé pour identifier les difficultés d'ordre pratique ainsi que les besoins actuels des bibliothécaires de la santé au Canada. La

bonne marche du Comité exige de la part de ses membres une prise de conscience des aspects pratiques de transfert de l'information en sciences de la santé. Sans cette prise de conscience, les conseils du Comité consultatif sur les services du Centre bibliographique des sciences de la santé n'auraient aucune utilité.

Enfin, lorsqu'on tente de prévoir les préoccupations futures du Comité consultatif, on ne peut ignorer les retombées de nouveaux développements à la U.S. National Library of Medicine dans le cadre de MEDLARS III. Le service MEDLARS III se chargera, au nom des bibliothèques américaines, de la transformation d'un programme de livraison manuelle de documents en un service de prêts interbibliothèques complètement automatisé. Des liens automatisés seront établis entre les références récupérées et l'emplacement des documents. Une telle information fournit également des données indispensables à la mise sur pied d'un programme d'acquisition judicieux au niveau local. Puisque les bandes magnétiques MEDLINE ne sont pas offertes à même un ordinateur canadien, il se peut que les bibliothèques médicales au Canada soient limitées en ce qui concerne le rattachement automatisé des références MEDLARS à l'emplacement canadien des documents correspondants. La commande, auprès des bibliothèques canadiennes, des documents signalés par MEDLINE constituera un deuxième obstacle. L'objectif du Comité consultatif dans les années à venir : au nom des usagers des bibliothèques biomédicales au Canada, suivre attentivement le développement des systèmes intégrés de bibliothèques, afin d'en profiter pleinement.

Membres du Comité consultatif (avril 1980)

Les premiers membres du Comité ont été nommés pour des mandats décalés de 2, 3, et 4 ans. Conformément à une recommandation faite au directeur de l'ICIST et acceptée à la réunion de janvier 1980, tout nouveau membre du Comité est nommé pour une période de 3 ans. Il avait été décidé, lors de l'établissement du mandat du Comité consultatif, que les membres ne serviraient qu'une seule période d'activité au sein du comité.

Membres Nommés

Frances Groen - Présidente (s'est retirée en mars 1980)

Pierrette Dubuc - Représente l'ASTED, Section de la santé
Fin du mandat : mars 1981

M.A. Flower - Représente l'ABSC (termine le mandat d'Alan MacDonald)
Fin du mandat : mars 1981

C. William Fraser - Représente l'ABSC
Fin du mandat : mars 1982

Anna Leith - Représente l'ABSC
Fin du mandat : mars 1983

Ann Nevill - Représente l'AFMC. Comité de ressources spéciales des bibliothèques d'écoles de médecine.
Fin du mandat : mars 1983

Membres d'office

Elmer Smith, directeur de l'ICIST

Eve-Marie Lacroix, chef du Centre bibliographique des sciences de la santé

CENTRE BIBLIOGRAPHIQUE DES SCIENCES DE LA SANTÉ, ICIST

- EVE-MARIE LACROIX

Dans le cadre du présent numéro de BMC, voici un résumé du rapport annuel du CBSS, présenté à l'assemblée annuelle de l'ABSC tenue le 11 juin 1980 à Vancouver.

Nouveau membre du personnel

Mlle Deborah Baillie fait maintenant partie du personnel du CBSS à titre de bibliothécaire médicale. Elle a déjà occupé plusieurs postes au sein de l'ICIST, travaillant tour à tour aux prêts interbibliothèques, pour le service CAN/SDI et en recherche bibliographique. En plus de ses fonctions bibliographiques, elle s'occupera de formation et autres services pour les centres MEDLINE canadiens.

Centre MEDLARS canadien

Il existe actuellement 92 centres MEDLINE au Canada. L'expansion observée dans presque tous les secteurs est particulièrement marquée dans le secteur hospitalier, où le pourcentage d'utilisation est passé de 11% durant le dernier exercice financier à 20,5% en 1979-80. Voici la répartition actuelle des centres:

Bibliothèques des écoles de médecine	16
Universités sans école de médecine	15
Administrations fédérale et provinciales	22
Hôpitaux	17
Industrie	13
Associations ou services de santé	4
Écoles de bibliothéconomie	3
Administration et formation de l'ICIST	2
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Le nombre d'heures de connexion MEDLINE a augmenté de plus de 25% et l'on ne prévoit aucune baisse de ce taux pour quelques années encore. On consulte davantage le fichier TOXLINE, les recherches se multipliant dans les domaines de l'hygiène du travail, de la sécurité et de la pollution de l'environnement.

Fichier de toxicologie

À l'International Policy Group Meeting de la NLM tenu récemment, la National Library of Medicine a annoncé qu'elle était disposée à permettre l'utilisation du fichier Toxicology Data Bank (TDB) par les douze participants étrangers. Conformément à l'intérêt exprimé par les centres canadiens, l'ICIST est en voie de négocier une entente qui permettra à nos centres d'interroger ce fichier.

Le fichier TDB englobe des renseignements chimiques, pharmacologiques et toxicologiques sur environ 2000 substances; on rassemble présentement des données sur 500 substances supplémentaires qui seront portées au fichier. Ces données, tirées de plus de 60 livres, manuels et monographies de référence, ont été examinées par un groupe de scientifiques du U.S. National Institute of Health (NIH).

Publications du CBSS

Le répertoire des bibliothèques des sciences de la santé, intitulé Information en sciences de la santé au Canada--Bibliothèques, a été publié en juillet 1979. Plus de 300 exemplaires ont été vendus; on en est au deuxième

- E-M LACROIX, CHEF, CENTRE BIBLIOGRAPHIQUE DES SCIENCES DE LA SANTÉ, ICIST.

tirage.

L'édition augmentée de 1980 de Dépôts canadiens des revues indexées pour MEDLINE englobe non seulement les dépôts et l'état de toutes les revues indexées pour MEDLINE, mais également des titres supplémentaires tirés du fichier HEALTH. La collection de l'ICIST compte 2 309 des 3 000 revues répertoriées dans l'édition de 1980.

Recherche de nouveaux titres

Parallèlement à la publication de Dépôts canadiens des revues indexées pour MEDLINE, le CBSS s'intéresse aux revues qui ne sont conservées dans aucune bibliothèque canadienne. De réels progrès ont été accomplis en 1979 et le CBSS étend ses efforts de repérage pour l'année en cours aux bibliothèques de sciences infirmières, d'art dentaire et autres bibliothèques spécialisées du Canada. L'ICIST recense également les titres du Hospital Literature Index, dont plusieurs ne relèvent pas du catalogue collectif de l'ICIST.

La bibliothèque de Santé et Bien-Être Social et le CBSS ont tout récemment repris le projet de rationalisation des collections qui avait été mis en veilleuse à cause de changements de personnel.

Fichier du CBSS sur les organismes des sciences de la santé

Dressé à partir des résultats d'un sondage effectué en 1979 auprès de tous les organismes canadiens associés aux sciences de la santé, le fichier du CBSS est mis à jour de façon continue. Seule une version imprimée du fichier est utilisée actuellement par le personnel du CBSS afin de trouver des sources possibles de renseignements.

L'année qui vient

On s'attend à ce que la croissance du réseau de centres MEDLINE se poursuive, plus particulièrement dans les domaines hospitalier et de la santé. Cette croissance exige, de la part du CBSS, une augmentation des ressources consacrées à la formation et au service à la clientèle. En plus des séminaires de formation offerts aux nouveaux centres, on organise des séminaires avancés pour les fichiers sur la toxicologie, le cancer et les services techniques.

Le CBSS concentrera ses efforts d'acquisitions sur les publications recensées dans les bases de données HEALTH et TOXICOLOGY DATA BANK, en plus de continuer à surveiller les titres indexés pour MEDLINE.

On commencera également, cette année, le travail de mise à jour de la publication Information en sciences de la santé au Canada--Bibliothèques en vue de l'édition de 1981.

C. William Fraser, président de la Commission consultative du Centre bibliographique des sciences de la santé, décrira les activités de cette commission dont les activités sont très importantes pour la planification de nouveaux projets et l'évaluation de ceux déjà en cours.

WHAT LIES AHEAD? THE FIRST THREE YEARS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE HEALTH SCIENCES, CISTI

- FRANCES K. GROEN

It is three years since the Advisory Committee on the Health Sciences Resource Centre of the Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information was established. The Committee began as the result of one of a number of recommendations proposed to the Director of CISTI by the Special Resource Committee on Medical School Libraries of the Association of Canadian Medical Colleges. The establishing of an Advisory Committee was welcomed by the previous Director of CISTI, Dr. Jack Brown. Mr. Elmer Smith, Dr. Brown's successor, was equally supportive and his encouragement has helped to establish the continuity and viability of this Committee.

One of the issues the Advisory Committee must continue to address is the question of what the Health Sciences Resource Centre should be doing on behalf of health libraries in Canada. One of the most positive results of this interaction between the Centre and the library community as represented by the Advisory Committee has been the production of Health Sciences Information in Canada. This first directory of health sciences libraries in Canada was the result of the efforts of the Head of the Centre and became available in July, 1979. The Centre's Head, Mrs. Eve-Marie Lacroix, has continued to look for suggestions for improvement in subsequent editions, and a discussion of this directory formed a large part of the fifth meeting of the Committee held in January, 1980. In preparing the directory, staff at CISTI compiled a database of survey responses which may now be manipulated to answer a variety of questions regarding health libraries in Canada.

In attempting to answer the question of "what more should HSRC be doing?", the Advisory Committee has on several occasions discussed the problems faced by health information personnel in attempting to locate Canadian statistical sources in the health sciences. Health sciences librarians are frequently called upon to provide Canadian statistics on population, disease, physician manpower, epidemiological studies and socio-economic studies in relation to disease. This information is available, but it is not always readily accessible. Many health librarians working outside the large cities have some difficulty in knowing how to locate this information, and the problem is even further complicated by the fact that such statistical information may be compiled at any government level, for the local to the national. A detailed proposal concerning this information need will be prepared by the Advisory Committee members and presented at a subsequent meeting. If this proposal is accepted, this statistical information project will be completed, utilizing the resources and capabilities of CISTI and the HSRC.

Issues such as the directory of health libraries or the need for Canadian health statistics information highlight the philosophy that underlies the Advisory Committee. Unlike the more policy oriented Advisory Board on Scientific and Technical Information, the Advisory Committee on HSRC addresses basic concerns of health libraries personnel. Indeed, the strength of the committee lies in its composition. Consisting of members representing all aspects of the community of health libraries, the Advisory Committee is in an excellent position to identify practical problems and current needs of health librarians across Canada. The success of the Committee requires that its members have a specific understanding of the practical issues involved in the transfer of health information. Without this awareness, the advice of the Advisory Committee

concerning the services of the Health Sciences Resource Centre would be useless.

Finally, as one attempts to forecast those issues of future concern for the Advisory Committee, the impact of developments at the U.S. National Library of Medicine under MEDLARS III must be considered. MEDLARS III, the transition from a manual document delivery programme to a fully automated interlibrary loan service will be realized on behalf of American libraries. Linkages will be developed between citations retrieved and available automated data on the actual location of documents. Such information also provides invaluable data for the development of a rational acquisition programme at the local level. Since Canada does not mount the MEDLINE tapes, Canadian medical libraries may be limited as to the automated linkage of citation retrieval on the MEDLARS system and location information in Canada. The ability to generate a document command in Canadian libraries for citations retrieved on MEDLINE may be a further limiting factor. The forecast for the Advisory Committee: as integrated library systems develop, the ability to take full advantage of such developments on behalf of biomedical library users in Canada must be carefully monitored.

Composition of the Advisory Committee (as of April, 1980)

The original Committee was appointed for staggered periods of 2, 3 and 4 years. All new members of the Committee are appointed for a three year term, in accordance with a recommendation to the Director of CISTI, accepted at the January, 1980 meeting. It was the original intention in compiling the Terms of Reference of the Advisory Committee that members would normally serve one term only on the Committee.

Appointed Members

Frances Groen - Chairman (retired March, 1980)

Pierrette Dubuc - Representing ASTED, Section de la santé
Term expires: March, 1981

M.A. Flower - Representing CHLA/ABSC (completing the term of Alan MacDonald)
Term expires: March, 1981

C. William Fraser - Representing CHLA/ABSC
Term expires: March, 1982

Anna Leith - Representing CHLA/ABSC
Term expires: March, 1983

Ann Nevill - Representing ACMC Special Resource Committee on Medical School Libraries
Term expires: March, 1983

Ex-officio Members

Elmer Smith, Director of CISTI

Eve-Marie Lacroix, Head, Health Sciences Resource Centre

FROM THE HEALTH SCIENCES RESOURCE CENTRE, CISTI

- EVE-MARIE LACROIX

In keeping with the tone of this issue of the BMC, the following is a summary of the annual report from the HSRC presented at the CHLA/ABSC Annual Meeting in Vancouver, 11 June, 1980.

New Appointment to the HSRC

Ms. Deborah Baillie has joined the staff of HSRC as Medical Reference Librarian. Ms. Baillie has held several positions within CISTI in Interlibrary Loans, CAN/SDI and CISTI's Reference and Research Development. In addition to reference work, she will also be involved in training and in customer service for the Canadian MEDLINE Centres.

Canadian MEDLARS Centre

At this writing, there are 92 Canadian MEDLINE centres across the country. Growth in the last year has occurred in almost all sectors, but most dramatically in the hospital sector where the percentage of actual usage rose from 11% in the previous fiscal year to 20.5% in FY 1979/80. At the present time, codes are distributed as follows:

Medical School Libraries	16
Universities with no Medical School	15
Government, Federal and Provincial	22
Hospitals	17
Industry	13
Health Related Associations or Services	4
Library Schools	3
CISTI Training and Administration	2
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Use of MEDLINE in connect hours increased more than 25% and is expected to continue at that rate for the next few years. TOXLINE usage is growing as well, with increased activity in the fields of both occupational health and safety and environmental effects of pollutants.

Toxicology Data Bank

At the recent NLM International Policy Group Meeting, NLM announced that the 12 foreign centres may arrange for access to the Toxicology Data Bank (TDB). In response to the expressed demand from Canadian centres, CISTI is currently negotiating an agreement to allow Canadians access to this database.

TDB contains chemical, pharmacological, and toxicological information and data for approximately 2,000 substances, with records for another 500 in process. The data are taken from more than 60 standard reference textbooks, handbooks and monographs and have been reviewed by a peer review group of scientists from the U.S. National Institute of Health (NIH).

HSRC Publications

As most of you know, the directory of health sciences libraries, Health Sciences Information in Canada: Libraries was published in July, 1979. Over 300 copies have been sold and the Directory is now in its second printing.

The Canadian Locations of Journals Indexed for MEDLINE was expanded for the 1980 edition to include locations and holdings for all journals indexed for MEDLINE as well as additional titles from the HEALTH database. CISTI itself holds 2,309 titles of the 3,000 titles listed in the 1980 edition.

- E-M LACROIX, HEAD, HEALTH SCIENCES RESOURCE CENTRE, CISTI.

Collection Development

In conjunction with the publication of Canadian Locations for Journals Indexed for MEDLINE, locations and holdings for titles having no current Canadian locations are being sought. This effort was very successful for the 1979 edition and HSRC is expanding its search for holdings for the current year titles to nursing, dental, and other special libraries across Canada. Locations for Hospital Literature Index titles, many of which do not fall within the guidelines of CISTI's Union List, are also being sought.

HSRC and the library of Health and Welfare Canada have recently resumed a collection rationalization project which has been on hold because of staff changes.

HSRC Database of Health Sciences Organizations

The HSRC database compiled from the results of the 1979 survey of all Canadian health sciences related organizations is updated on a continuing basis. This database is being used by the HSRC staff to locate possible sources of information. The database is being used in hard copy only at the present time.

The Coming Year

As mentioned above, expansion in the network of MEDLINE centres is expected to continue, especially in the hospital and health related sector. This growth necessitates an increase in HSRC resources dedicated to training and service. In addition to training seminars for new centres, advanced seminars in the toxicology files, technical services files and cancer files are being developed.

HSRC's major effort in collection development will be to ensure document support for the HEALTH database and the Toxicology Data Bank, in addition to its continuing watch over titles indexed for MEDLINE.

Also this year, work will begin to update Health Sciences Information in Canada: Libraries for publication in 1981.

The activities of the Advisory Committee on the Health Sciences Resource Centre which is so important to the planning of new projects and the evaluation of those ongoing, will be reported by C. William Fraser, current Chairman of that Committee.

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McGILL MEDICAL LIBRARY STAFF CHANGES

Mrs. Margaret Farmer retired from the McGill Medical Library in July, 1980 ending 33 years of service to the Library. For the last ten years, Mrs. Farmer was the Collections Librarian.

Following a staff reorganization, Mrs. Berti Le Sieur will become the Acquisitions and Collections Librarian in September, 1980. In addition to her present responsibilities for the Medical Library's acquisitions section, Mrs. Le Sieur will assume responsibility for selection and collections development of the Medical Library. She will continue to report to Mr. David Crawford and will also be responsible for collections coordination for all Life Sciences Area Libraries.

PUBLICATION NOTES

FAMILY MEDICINE LITERATURE INDEX (FAMLI)

The first issue of this new index is due July, 1980 under the editorship of Dorothy Fitzgerald. FAMLI contains references relevant to family medicine from the MEDLARS database and references to the non-Index Medicus family medicine journals. It is published by the World Organization of National Colleges, Academies, and Academic Associations of General Practitioners/Family Physicians (WONCA) in cooperation with the National Library of Medicine, and distributed by the College of Family Physicians of Canada.

The publication is quarterly, with an annual cumulation. Cost has been set at \$40 within Canada and the United States and \$50 in all other countries.

Communications concerning subscriptions should be sent to: Family Medicine Literature Index, Canadian Library of Family Medicine, College of Family Physicians of Canada, 4000 Leslie Street, Willowdale, Ontario, M2K 2R9.

L'ORDINATEUR AU SERVICE DE LA SANTÉ CANADIENNE

Le guide de 1980 du Bureau d'informatique dans le domaine de la santé est maintenant disponible. Le Bureau, situé à Ottawa, recueille les renseignements relatifs à l'informatique dans le domaine de la santé et agit comme centre ressource et service de consultation auprès des professionnels de la santé.

Ce guide de 1980, intitulé L'ordinateur au service de la santé canadienne, renferme plus de 250 pages d'information utile à tout établissement de santé.

Ses quatre sections donnent à utilisateur les plus récents renseignements sur l'informatique et la santé, mentionnant les noms de certaines de professionnels de la santé qui utilisent l'ordinateur dans leur travail de tous les jours. On y trouve également les noms de nombreuses compagnies de logiciel et les services qu'elles procurent, de même qu'un choix d'articles sur l'utilisation de l'ordinateur comme l'application d'un ordinateur commercial dans un laboratoire médical.

Le guide présente les ensembles de matériel et de logiciel actuellement utilisés par les professionnels de la santé et les relevés de plus de 350 particuliers, à travers le pays, qui tirent le maximum de leur ordinateur.

Le Bureau d'information dans le domaine de la santé est parrainé par l'Association des hôpitaux du Canada, l'Association médicale canadienne et l'Association canadienne pour l'avancement des sciences informatiques en santé.

Le dernier guide du Bureau, sa sixième édition, se vend au prix \$50 au Canada et de \$65 à l'extérieur; on peut se la procurer auprès du Bureau d'informatique dans le domaine de la santé, 410, avenue Laurier ouest, Pièce 800, Ottawa, Ontario, K1R 7T6.

HEALTH COMPUTER APPLICATIONS IN CANADA

The Health Computer Information Bureau's 1980 reference guide is now available. The Bureau, located in Ottawa, consolidates information related to health computing and acts as a resource centre and consulting service to health professionals.

Their 1980 reference guide, Health Computer Applications in Canada, contains over 250 pages of information valuable to any health facility.

Its four sections give users the latest information on who's who in health computing, listing hundreds of health professionals who use computers in their everyday work. Various software companies and their capabilities are included, along with a variety of articles on computer usage such as applying a business computer in a medical reference laboratory.

The guide also details the hardware and software packages now being used by health professionals and comprehensively details over 350 accounts of individuals across the country getting maximum mileage out of their computers.

The Health Computer Information Bureau is sponsored by the Canadian Hospital Association, Canadian Medical Association and the Canadian Organization for Advancement of Computers in Health.

The Bureau's newest reference guide, its 6th edition, is available for \$50 in Canada and \$65 outside the country; it can be obtained from the Bureau at 410 Laurier Avenue West, Suite 800, Ottawa, Ontario, K1R 7T6.

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NEWS ITEMS

Ms. Sandra Cifani, an MLS graduate from the University of Toronto in May, 1980, has been appointed Librarian 1 at the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College Library in Toronto. Sandra has had relevant pre-professional experience at the Health Sciences Library, McMaster University. Another new MLS graduate from U of T, Leanne Schwandt, is manning the "mini-library" at the College until the major reconstruction activities of the Library are completed.

A new publication in process is Basic Library List for Family Medical Centres, 1980, vol. 26. The author is Dorothy Fitzgerald of the Canadian Library of Family Medicine (address on page 83) and publication of the volume is slated for August, 1980.

Pamela A. Avis Pollock has resigned as the Librarian of the Ontario Medical Association and adds: "I'm moving to Dryden, Ontario -- having baby in October". The new OMA Librarian will be Ms. Jan Greenwood. The OMA has also published a new edition of A Health Sciences Library Basic Manual.

PRE-POSTSCRIPT

For the first time ever I have stolen this space from the Editor without his knowledge. The reason for this is that, as you will know, this is the last issue to be edited by PJ Fawcett. Our Association owes much to PJ for his sterling efforts on behalf of the CHLA#ABSC. I will miss not working with him so often though I do look forward to seeing more of Arlene Greenberg and Pierette Dubuc - and we have the advantage now that Postes Canada Post will not come between us!

DAVID CRAWFORD. Chairman Publications Committee

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POSTSCRIPT

- THE EDITOR

I'm proud of this issue.

Said pride does not arise from the fact that autumn is finally approaching (as in: pride goeth before...aw, never mind) nor the fact that I put a great deal of work into soliciting material for this issue. On the contrary, I put less effort into gathering together this number than most of the previous ones, which is appropriate in its own way.

I'm proud of this issue because, with the exception of a stray page or two, the whole darn thing deals directly with the activities of the CHLA/ABSC and its various components. Thirty-plus pages of chapter reports, committee reports, reports from the Board members, etc. all go to underline the conclusion that the CHLA/ABSC is alive and active.

(Oh, no, is he going to launch into yet another of those awful rally-around-the-flag-boys type of speeches again?)

(You bet your aspidistra he is!)

The Association needs more support than your annual dues cheque or the occasional marks you make on a ballot. It needs active involvement. From you. Read through this issue thoroughly and you'll find there's a wide range of activities which the Association is undertaking. Some of them are of direct interest/influence to you and your career. And some of them can profit tremendously from your involvement in them. Read the section entitled "Keeping in Touch", beginning on page 69, and see if you can't find a way for YOU to get more actively involved in your Association.

This is my swan song as editor of the BMC and if any of you have ever heard a swan trying to sing you'll fully appreciate the sentiment couched within. I shall not, however, be disappearing from these pages entirely. In order to persuade the new editors to serve, I had to agree to continue to write "something" for each issue of the BMC. They were quite vague as to what that "something" should be but I have a sneaky suspicion that it has to be related to the library profession. A pity, since I've already prepared a fascinating list of all the computer programmes I've written which have never worked. (If it's turned down by the BMC, I plan on retitling it and selling it to the Readers' Digest as "My Most Unforgettable Programme", or maybe even "I Am Joe's 3330 Disk Storage".)

I'm hopeful that the membership will continue to lend Pierrette and Arlene the support and cooperation which I was given. If you've read pages 58-59, you'll know that I'm also hoping that said cooperation will increase about two-fold. I am turning over the editorial files with at least three or four articles still in the pipe (including the French version of the President's Report which was not available in time for this issue) but a lot more submissions will be needed if they are to keep the BMC viable. Otherwise, you may find this page being retitled from Postscript to Postmortem.

In closing, I would like to wish Arlene and Pierrette every success with their venture and expect to see a steady improvement in the BMC over the next pair of years. For myself, I thank you all for the interest and support you've shown. It's been fun.

Peace.